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How One Candidate Started to Secure Subscriptions--- You Can Do the Same.

"I've had a great day," said a candidate in the contest department last evening. "I just made up my mind to try out the advice I read in the morning paper."

"Well," we asked, "were the results satisfactory?"

"They certainly were. I went to work and played the make-believe game just like any youngster. I pretended that I needed four yearlies to assure me of winning that \$2,055 Kline Car on April 12. I didn't know where I was going to get them, but get them I must before night."

"I decided not to wait for the likely prospects, as I had been doing so far. I would ask every one I had a chance to speak to whether they would not either renew their subscription to The Times-Dispatch or take out a new subscription in my favor."

"The first man I met didn't look encouraging. He was talking a good deal about hard times and the lack of ready cash. I asked him how he was paying for his paper, and he said by the month."

"Don't you think," I asked, "that the \$2.08 you would save by making one payment for the whole year is worth while?"

"Well, I don't know," he started to say. "All right," I said. "You don't know yet, but let me prove it to you. Pay for a year in advance, credit the votes to me, and soon you will be thanking me for saving you \$2.08, and maybe you will be taking a ride with me in my Baker Electric."

"That fixed him. Another man grumbled that he was thinking of giving up reading the newspapers altogether because they gave such unreliable information."

"The trouble with you is that you have not been reading The Times-Dispatch," I told him. "You know perfectly well that civilized man cannot get on without a newspaper. At the same time it's certainly annoying to absorb a lot of information and then find it not true to facts. Now, I can get you over your grouchy against the newspapers in a simple way. Just take out a subscription for The Times-Dispatch in my favor. You can rely on the news you find in that. So far as it is humanly possible to get correct information---there it is."

"He came across with a six months' subscription, and has promised to extend it shortly if he proves what I told him to be true. I'm just as sure of that other six months as if it were written down in my receipt book."

This cheerful and energetic candidate told us of various other experiences he had on his day of "make-believe," but before night, if his pretense had been real, an automobile would have been his.

FOLLOW YOUR LEADER.

Every one of you candidates can follow in the way indicated by this candidate. If he can get the subscription, you can too.

There's nothing wonderful in his methods. He just approached every one he could and met their arguments with good common sense. He found that some people were unable to take the paper, and these refusals he set down to profit and loss and went on undisturbed to the next possible subscriber.

The city and country are full of people who are ready and willing to subscribe for The Times-Dispatch, but you have to go after them to secure their assistance.

GET EXTENSION OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Any further payment of six months on a subscription of six months already turned in on the contest on which votes have been issued is an "Extension" of that subscription. The contestant turning in the second payment of six months will receive the number of votes constituting the difference between the scheduled number of votes issued on the first payment of six months and the scheduled number of votes allowed for one year at the time the first payment was made. Contestants are entitled to votes under this rule on "Extensions" of subscriptions, whether the former payment, or payments, were given to themselves or to other contestants. To insure proper credit on "Extensions," make a new subscription blank for the amount of money you are sending, and write on the subscription blank the length of the "Extension," as "Extended from six months to one year."

CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE TO-DAY JAIL PRISONERS MUST GO TO WORK ON PUBLIC ROADS

Staunton Already Filled With
Delegates to Meeting of
Methodists.

OPENING SERMON PREACHED

Rev. H. P. Hamill, D. D., of
Blacksburg, Heard by Large
Congregation.

(BY MAMIE BAYS.)

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Staunton, Va., March 25.—According to custom of long standing, the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the evening preceding the opening of the annual session of the conference, the conference and many visitors assembled this evening in the church, where the session is to be held to hear a sermon by a member of the body.

The preacher this evening was Rev. H. P. Hamill, D. D., now pastor of the Methodist Church in Blacksburg, and formerly pastor in Staunton. He was heard by a large congregation. The text of the sermon was the sixth verse of the second chapter of Genesis: "And God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul," the subject of the discourse being, "The Relation of the Holy Spirit to the Material World."

The Easter decorations, consisting of palms and holly in a white setting, added much to the attractive appearance of the church this evening. The trains into Staunton to-day brought many clerical and lay members of the conference and a large number of visitors, many of the latter being women. It is probable that most of the members of the conference will answer to their names at the calling of the roll to-morrow morning.

The committees on examination and on admissions have been busy to-day with the work of examination of undergraduates and of applicants for admission into the conference at this session. The conference will convene to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, when the session will be opened by Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Durham, N. C., as the presiding officer. After the devotional service, which Bishop Kilgo will probably conduct, the roll of the members will be called by Rev. E. V. Register, D. D., secretary of the last session. The secretary for the last session will then be elected, and it is probable that Dr. Register will succeed himself. The secretary will name his assistants, the bar of the conference will be fixed, the hours for meeting and adjournment will be named, and the body will then be ready for the transaction of routine business.

Visitors will then be introduced, the standing committees will be appointed, communications relative to the various will be announced, and will be referred to the standing committees and conference boards. The call of the twelfth second minute question will be commenced at the session to-morrow morning. "Are all the preachers in the conference in their life and official administration?" and will be answered first with reference to the presiding elders, after which they will submit the reports of their work for the past year. The conference directory shows that a number of the representatives of the conference are present to address the conference. One matter of special interest to be presented to the conference during this session will be the matter relative to the granting of the women of the church equal rights with the men. This matter will be presented by Rev. J. E. Henry, of Moorefield, W. Va., and probably, one of the most animated discussions that will take place during the session. Announcement has been made that Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, Methodist Church of Staunton, is to preach on the evening. It is expected also that Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, will arrive early during the conference session.

Miss Martha Martz.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., March 25.—Miss Martha Martz, twenty-five years old, died yesterday near Timberville. Nine days ago she was suffering from pneumonia. She is survived by her father, John M. Martz, and several brothers and sisters.

URGE VIRGINIANS TO SUCCEED GOFF

Delegations Indorse Cocke and
Heath for Federal Circuit Bench.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, D. C., March 25.—Although it seems to be practically assured that Judge Charles A. Weeks, of South Carolina, will be named to succeed Judge Nathan Goff on the Federal bench, there is no diminution of interest among Virginia lawyers. To-day saw parties here from both Roanoke and Norfolk, each putting up their man with all the power they could muster.

Although Lucian H. Cocke, of Roanoke, was supposed to be out of the running last week when Attorney-General McInerney said that he would not appoint any one for this position with railroad or corporation connections, or who might be over sixty years of age, he came back strong to-day, when his name was again mentioned by Judge Walter R. Staples.

At the same time friends of J. E. Heath, of Norfolk, are equally as busy trying to have the Attorney-General believe it would be best to name him for the place.

It is quite probable that until a nomination is made the friends of many other Virginia lawyers will continue to present their names for consideration.

Attorney-General Rules Judges Must Send Them on Demand.

AUDITOR WILL NOT PAY THEIR BOARD

Thousands of Men Kept in Idleness in Jails to Be Put to Work on Highways—State Officials Join Forces to Secure This Reform, Long Urged in Virginia.

Acting under a ruling rendered yesterday by the Attorney-General, the officers of the State will proceed at once with the task of taking the thousands of jail prisoners in Virginia from their abodes of idleness, insanitary surroundings and vice, and put them to work upon the public highways. Out from the jails of the State will come those who have sought easy berths there, the confirmed criminals who do not mind a prison term, and the young who, serving time for a first offense, are consorting with men old in crime.

Hundreds will come from the Richmond and Norfolk jails, while from the smaller institutions they will be gathered together by the score, becoming regular members of the State convict road force. Financial, industrial and humanitarian considerations have combined to bring about this result.

Major James B. Wood, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, will at once call upon the judges of the Circuit and Corporation Courts for the delivery to him of all prisoners serving terms for violation of State laws. Under the ruling made yesterday by Attorney-General Williams, the judges must, upon demand, instruct the jailers to turn over the prisoners, for he finds that the section of the law referring to such plan is mandatory.

Won't Pay Their Board.
To clench matters, yesterday Auditor C. Lee Moore announced that, with the ruling behind him, he will hereafter refuse to pay accounts for the maintenance of prisoners in jails who have been convicted of violation of State laws, after demand for their delivery has been made upon the judge of the court by the State prison superintendent.

This decision does not apply to persons convicted of violation of city or town ordinances, nor to prisoners less than sixteen years old. Those between the age of sixteen and twenty-one may or may not be worked on the roads, this being a matter of discretion with the judge.

Further, the Attorney-General rules that cities and towns have no right to retain on their changeable prisoners convicted of violation of State law. The decision has been made on them for the delivery of prisoners for work on the roads. In such cases, the judge must give the jailbirds up to the State to be used on the highways, along with penitentiary convicts.

Many Forces at Work.

Auditor Moore began an agitation for this end nearly a year ago. It took a year to pay out \$140,000 a year to keep a set of prisoners in the city and county jails. The day of the treasury was tremendous. He will still have to pay the Superintendent of the Penitentiary for the upkeep of the men, but they will be doing useful, healthy work to pay for it. When they find out they have to work for a living while prisoners, the number of prisoners is likely to decrease. They will be called for and put on the roads as fast as local demands are made for them. These demands are constant.

Mr. Martin, Secretary of the State Board of Prisoners and Corrections, wanted the men put in better surroundings, from physical and moral considerations. State Highway Commissioner Wilson wanted the roads built. All these forces have been working together. Now, it seems, they have clinched matters, having secured the thing they desired from the Attorney-General.

Rolling of Attorney-General.

"Replying to your favor of March 24, 1913, I beg to submit answers to the inquiries submitted by you as follows: "Your first inquiry is as follows: "Is it not mandatory upon the judge of every Circuit, Corporation or Hustings Court of this Commonwealth, upon demand of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, to require the jailer of the county or city, to deliver to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, upon his order, to work upon the State convict road force, all prisoners confined in his jail for violation of State law, or for failure to pay any fine or penalty imposed upon such prisoner for violation of State law, except such of said prisoners who show to the judge good cause why they should not be delivered to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and except such prisoners under the age of sixteen years, and except such prisoners over the age of sixteen and under the age of twenty-one years, it being discretionary with the court or judge to deliver the prisoners between these ages?"

"In response to this inquiry I would state that by the provision of the statute, Section 3 of Chapter 84, Acts 1908, it is provided as follows: "Upon the written request of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary the judge of the Circuit Court of any county, or the judge of the Corporation or Hustings Court of any city, shall in term or vacation, unless such prisoners show to the judge good cause why they should not be delivered to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and except such prisoners under the age of sixteen years, and except such prisoners over the age of sixteen and under the age of twenty-one years, it being discretionary with the court or judge to deliver the prisoners between these ages?"

"The principal characters were, of course, sung by others than those who had borne the brunt of 'The Tales of Hoffmann' the night before. Edgar, or Edgard, in this particular instance, was sung by Eugene Battain, an Italian of the Italians, who not only sang in his native tongue, but employed every emotional aid, including the extremely difficult aria with purity and accuracy, until the final E flat.

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DEADLOCK WILL BE ENDED TO-DAY

Lewis, Democrat, and Sherman, Republican, Going to Senate From Illinois.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Springfield, Ill., March 25.—Senator Edward F. Dunne announced tonight that the senatorial deadlock, which has lasted eight weeks, will be ended to-morrow by the election of James Hamilton Lewis (Democrat) for the six-year term ending March 4, 1915, and Lawrence V. Sherman (Republican) for the short term, ending March 4, 1915.

The Governor made this declaration following a report made to him by Democratic and Republican leaders that 113 members of the General Assembly had signed a pledge late this afternoon to vote for Lewis and Sherman.

QUARREL OVER CHILDREN

Farmer Kills Wife, Wounds Son, Then Drunk Lard.

Rome, Ga., March 25.—After killing his wife and inflicting a serious wound on his son, W. Williams, an aged farmer, to-day attempted suicide by drinking lard. He probably will recover.

Williams and his wife quarreled over the possession of their three children. After an hour's wrangle he emptied the contents of his revolver into his wife's body, killing her instantly. Their eldest son, Luther, attempting to defend his mother, received a bullet in his hip. Williams is sixty-six years old; his wife was fifty.

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